

**Compliance:** Required within the next 100 hours time-in-service after the effective date of this AD, unless already accomplished.

To prevent a differential of aileron control between the pilot's control wheel and the co-pilot's control wheel caused by the aileron tie-rod jam nuts becoming loose, which could result in loss of aileron control and consequent loss of control of the airplane, accomplish the following:

(a) Inspect the aileron tie-rod jam nuts for looseness in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions section of Pilatus Service Bulletin No. 27-001, dated March 25, 1997. Prior to further flight, tighten any loose jam nuts in accordance with this service bulletin.

(b) Install a locking sleeve on both ends of the aileron tie-rod in the chain-drive of the aileron system in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions section of Pilatus Service Bulletin No. 27-001, dated March 25, 1997.

(c) Special flight permits may be issued in accordance with §§ 21.197 and 21.199 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 21.197 and 21.199) to operate the airplane to a location where the requirements of this AD can be accomplished.

(d) An alternative method of compliance or adjustment of the compliance time that provides an equivalent level of safety may be approved by the Manager, Small Airplane Directorate, 1201 Walnut, suite 900, Kansas City, Missouri 64106. The request shall be forwarded through an appropriate FAA Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Manager, Small Airplane Directorate.

**Note 3:** Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this AD, if any, may be obtained from the Small Airplane Directorate.

(e) All persons affected by this directive may obtain copies of the documents referred to herein upon request to Pilatus Aircraft Ltd., CH-6370 Stans, Switzerland; or may examine these documents at the FAA, Central Region, Office of the Assistant Chief Counsel, Room 1558, 601 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64106.

**Note 4:** The subject of this AD addresses the actions specified in Swiss AD FOCA AD HB 97-174, dated April 30, 1997.

Issued in Kansas City, Missouri, on September 30, 1997.

**Michael Gallagher,**

*Manager, Small Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Food and Drug Administration

#### 21 CFR Parts 101, 161, and 501

[Docket No. 92P-0441]

#### Food Labeling; Net Quantity of Contents; Compliance; Reopening of Comment Period

**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; reopening of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is reopening until December 1, 1997, the comment period on a proposed rule that was published in the **Federal Register** of March 4, 1997 (62 FR 9826). The document proposed to revise the agency's human and animal food labeling regulations that pertain to declarations of net quantity of contents on food packages. This action is being taking to allow interested persons additional time to submit comments to FDA on a survey sponsored by the Federal Trade Commission on the accuracy of net content labeling of milk and other products.

**DATES:** Written comments by December 1, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 12420 Parklawn Dr., rm. 1-23, Rockville, MD 20857.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Loretta A. Carey, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-158), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202-205-5099.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In the **Federal Register** of March 4, 1997 (62 FR 9826), FDA published a proposed rule to revise its human and animal food labeling regulations that pertain to declarations of net quantity of contents on food packages. That proposal set out procedures for determining whether net quantity of contents declarations accurately reflect the amount of product in food packages. Interested persons were given until June 2, 1997, to comment on the proposed rule. In the **Federal Register** of May 30, 1997 (62 FR 29313), the agency extended the comment period for an additional 90 days. The comment period closed on September 2, 1997.

FDA has received two requests for a second 90-day extension of the comment period on its proposed rule on net quantity of contents on food packages. The requests were from trade

associations that represent major segments of both the food and feed industries. Both requests stated that industry representatives would need this extension in light of the national 20-State survey regarding the accuracy of net content labeling of milk and, to a lesser extent, of other dairy products (such as yogurt and cottage cheese) and of juice. The survey was conducted because of State and local reports of short-filling in packages of milk served in schools or sold in retail stores. The survey was made available on July 17, 1997. The requests for extension of the comment period stated that the industry representatives needed additional time to review and analyze this study before they could complete their comments.

FDA informally granted an extension of 28 days until September 30, 1997, under the provisions in 21 CFR 10.40(b)(3)(ii). The agency has now decided, however, that extending the comment period until December 1, 1997, as requested, will allow interested persons to fully review and analyze the data from the national survey. This extension will ensure that there is full consideration of all data and issues relating to the agency's net quantity of contents proposal.

Interested persons may, on or before December 1, 1997, submit to the Dockets Management Branch (address above) written comments regarding this proposal. Two copies of any comments are to be submitted, except that individuals may submit one copy. Comments are to be identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document. Received comments may be seen in the office above between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Dated: September 30, 1997.

**William K. Hubbard,**

*Associate Commissioner for Policy Coordination.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Coast Guard

#### 33 CFR Part 155

#### 46 CFR Parts 25, 27, and 32

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#### Towing Vessel Safety

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking.